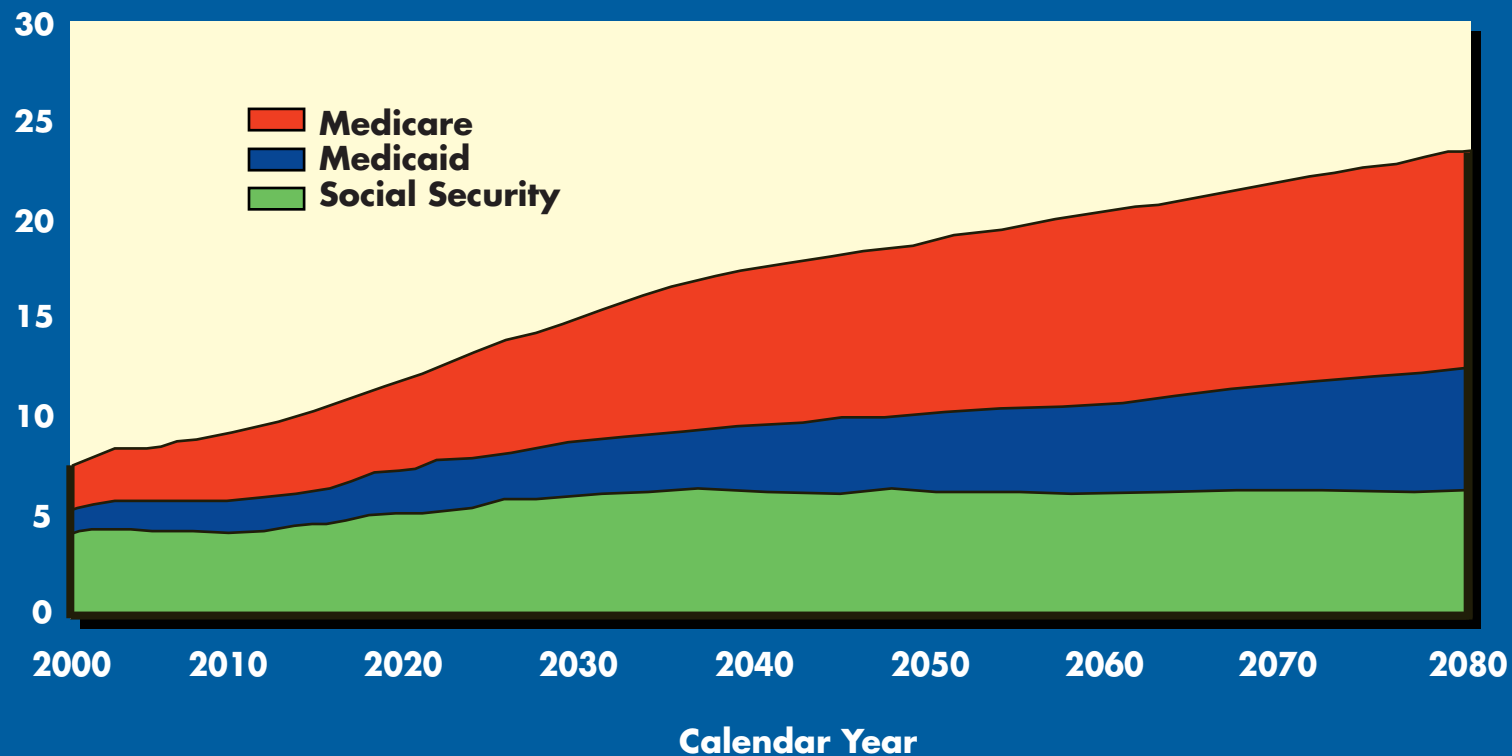


Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid Spending as a Percentage of GDP

Percentage GDP



Source: GAO analysis based on data from the office of the Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and the Congressional Budget Office.

Note: Social Security and Medicare projections are based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2006 Trustees' reports. Medicaid projections are based on CBO's January 2006 short-term Medicaid estimates and CBO's December 2005 long-term Medicaid projections under midrange assumptions.